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SUBJECT: MEXICAN AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON ALLEGED NEW IMMIGRATION
BILL BEFORE U.S. CONGRESS.

1. MEXICO CITY PRESS TODAY HEADLINES STATEMENTS MADE IN WASHINGTON
BY MEXICAN AMBASSADOR DE OLLOQUI, CONCERNING NEW IMMIGRATION BILL
WHICH HE SAYS IS NOW BEFORE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND
IS BEING ACTIVELY PROMOTED BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. ACCORDING TO
DE OLLOQUI, LEGISLATION IS DESIGNED TO DOVETAIL WITH RODINO
BILL AND WOULD ENABLE EMPLOYERS INDEPENDENTLY TO CONTRACT FOREIGN
LABOR IF UNABLE TO FILL OPENINGS WITH DOMESTIC WORKERS WITHIN
GIVEN PERIOD OF TIME (30-90 DAYS). AT SAME TIME, BILL IS SAID
TO PROVIDE FOR MAJOR INCREASE IN INS PERSONNEL SO AS TO ENABLE
LATTER TO BRING ABOUT EXPULSION OF ALIENS WHO ENTERED U.S.
ILLEGALLY SUBSEQUENT TO 1965.

2. IN HIS STATEMENT TO PRESS, DE OLLOQUI OF COURSE CONCENTRATED
ON LATTER ASPECT OF LEGISLATION, WARNING THAT MEXICO COULD
NOT TOLERATE ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS RESIDING
IN U.S., WHETHER LEGALLY OR ILLEGALLY (HE SUGGESTED THAT RETRO-
ACTIVE ASPECT OF THE LEGISLATION BE ELIMINATED, IN EFFECT TO
PERMIT ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS OF ANY WHO ENTERED ILLEGALLY UP
TO DATE OF BILL'S PASSAGE). AT SAME TIME, MEX AMBASSADOR
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SEES SOME VIRTUE IN BILL'S EFFECT OF "REGULARIZING, ONCE

AND FOR ALL, THE STATUS OF (MEXICAN) MIGRANT WORKERS--ESPECIALLY THE SO-CALLED 'ILLEGALS'."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH LEGISLATION LATELY INTRODUCED WITH JUSTICE DEPT BLESSING, BUT IT IS CERTAIN TO BEGIN GETTING INTENSIVE INQUIRIES TODAY (NOTE: SINCE CHANGE OF GOM POSITION ON NEW BRACERO AGREEMENT LAST MONTH, INTEREST IN NEW APPROACHES TO ILLEGAL MIGRANT PROBLEM HAS GREATLY BROADENED AND INTENSIFIED BOTH WITHIN BUREACRACY AND AMONG ACADEMICS). REQUEST INFORMATION SOONEST WITH RESPECT TO LEGISLATION DESCRIBED BY DE OLLOQUI, AS WELL AS SUPPLY VIA AIR POUCH OF AT LEAST DOZEN COPIES OF BILL ITSELF IN EVENT SUCH LEGISLATION IS IN FACT UNDER SERIOUS SENATE CONSIDERATION.
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